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PEKING, CHINA, October 8, 1899.

SIR: The legation begs to acknowledge receipt of your dispatch No. 338, of the 30th ultimo, and, referring to its dispatch No. 451, of the 2d instant, to inform you that it is now in receipt of a reply to its note to the Tsung li yamen on the subject of a quarantine at Niuchwang to the effect that the customs taotai has been telegraphed several times to furnish money, not exceeding 10,000 taels, to confer with the foreign consuls as to the most economical use of this fund, and that if the sum proves too small the taotai and the consuls should devise some plan to get more.

The legation requests that you will furnish it with a detailed report of the expenditure of the amount allowed, and also show what further sum, if any, may, in your opinion, be absolutely necessary for maintaining proper sanitary conditions.

It is hoped, however, that through good management the sum allotted may after all prove to be sufficient, but if it not, the legation will do what it can to induce the Chinese Government to furnish a further amount.

Your request for a gunboat has been referred to the minister who is now on his way north from Canton.

Respectfully,

H. G. SQUIERS,
Secretary of Legation.

J. J. F. BANDINEL,
United States Vice-Consul, Niuchwang.

CUBA.

Reports from Cienfuegos, Tunas de Zaza, Santa Cruz, and Casilda.

CIENFUEGOS, CUBA, November 27, 1899.

SIR: I have the honor to report that during the week ended November 25, 18 deaths have occurred in this city, 1 from malaria, 2 from intestinal diseases, and 2 from tuberculosis. No contagious diseases reported. Death rate for the week is 23.46.

During the week 23 vessels have been inspected upon arrival, and 18 previous to departure, at this port.

Will devote the next four months, before active quarantine season begins, in the investigation of tuberculosis and dropsy.

The amount of tuberculosis here is astonishing, and from a table I prepared for Asst. Surg. S. B. Grubbs, you will see that one-sixth of the deaths here are from that disease. I am now watching the progress in several cases and hope to make a report in the near future.

This is the season for smallpox, and every precaution is taken to have all alien steerage passengers vaccinated before being allowed to land. There have been about 20 cases of varioloid among the school children here, but, after careful investigation, have not been able to detect any smallpox. The city authorities have taken all precautions to prevent an epidemic.

Tunas de Zaza.—Dr. Francisco Ravello reports no deaths, no contagious diseases. Nine vessels were inspected during the week.

Santa Cruz del Sur.—Dr. Juan R. Xiques reports no deaths, no contagious diseases. Seven vessels were inspected during the week.

Casilda.—Dr. Alejandro Cantero reports 7 deaths in Trinidad, 2 from intestinal diseases, 1 from tuberculosis; no contagious diseases reported. Seven vessels were inspected during the week.

Respectfully,

J. M. LINDSLEY,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

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